केंद्रीय भांडागार निगम द्वारा गुड़ का भंडारण

6067. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :-

(क) केन्द्रीय भांडागार निगम द्वारा गुड़ के भण्डारण की अब तक क्या व्यवस्था की गई और गुड़ के भण्डारण की कितनी-कितनी मात्रा की कहां-कहां व्यवस्था की गई है ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इसका कितना-कितना उपयोग किया गया; और

(ग) भविष्य में इस सुविधा के विस्तार की क्या योजना है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय भंडारण निगम ने उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित मुज्जफरनगर में गुड़ का भण्डारण करने के लिये 1988 के दौरान 14,350 मीटरी टन क्षमता के गोदाम स्थापित किये और इनका पिछले तीन वर्षों में क्षमता उपयोग निम्नानुसार है :-

वर्ष	क्षमता उपयोग (कट्टों में)
1990-91	2,287
1991-92	16,104
1992-93	693

(ग) कम क्षमता उपयोग होने की दृष्टि में गुड़ का भण्डारण करने के लिए इस समय उपलब्ध सुविधाओं में विस्तार करने विषयक कोई प्रस्ताव फिलहाल केन्द्रीय भण्डारण निगम के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Promotion of Group "C" and "D" Employees in CWC

6068. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that time bound promotions are not given by the CWC to its Group "C" and "D" employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the chowkidars are forced to work beyond 8 hours and they have not been paid either OTA or any compensatory Holiday; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The service condition of the employees are governed by Central Warehousing Corporation (Staff) Regulations, 1986. There is no provision for time-bound promotion in the Central Warehousing Corporation (Staff) Regulation, 1986 which is applicable also to Group "C" and "D" employees of the Corporation.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The chowkidars work in 8 hours shift. There may be cases when the reliever Chowkidar (s) did not report for duty and as a result the duty chowkidar could not leave his duty till proper reliever reported for duty. In such event, the duty chowkidars are fully compensated by grant of Over Time Allowance or Compensatory Holiday.

Free movement of foodgrains

6069. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently asked all the State Governments to allow free movement of foodgrains throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto;

(c) the details of the States which have enforced restrictions on the movement of foodgrains; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The policy of Central Government is to treat the entire country as a single food zone and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been regularly requested to remove movement restrictions if any, for foodgrains.

(b) and (c) All the State Governments except Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have informed that either they have no movement restrictions on foodgrains or they have removed the existing restrictions. States of Anlhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have imposed restricitons on movement of rice|paddy.

(d) Recently. meetings have been held with the officials of the concerned State Government/Union Territory and they have been requested to review their existing policy of restrictions on movement of foodgrains.

Lifting of sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills

6070. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ,the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has decided to lift sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills instead of from FCI for Public Distribution System (PDS) in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Goverment propose to extend similar facilities to the other State Governments also; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal under the consideration of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to take over the distribution of levy sugar from the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

(c) and (d) Government of India has been persuading other States also to take over-levy sugar distribution work from FCI.

Allocation of Sugar to M.P.

6071. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide sugar quota to the State on the basis of population;

(b) whether the quota provided to Madhya Pradesh is on the basis of population of 1986 (5.1 crores);

(c) if so, whether according to 1991-census the population has been registered at 6.60 crores.

(d) whether Government have not increased the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh in lieu of the increased population;

(e) if so, whether the Government of M.P. has been urging the centre to raise the quota to meet the demands for increased population of Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) by what time Government is considering to raise the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh?